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SUBJECT:DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR ROK MISSILE TEST
FACILITIES: TELEDYNE/BROWN CASE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RENEWED MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE
OF BROWN ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PROVIDE DATA PROCESSING
EQUIPMENT TO ADD FOR ROK MISSILE TEST FACILITIES.
ORIGINAL LICENSE EXPIRED DECEMBER 19, 1976, PRIOR TO
SHIPMENT OF ALL THE EQUIPMENT IT AUTHORIZED. COMPANY
PLANS TO RESUME SHIPMENT OF BALANCE IN APRIL.

2. WHEN LICENSE EXPIRED LAST DECEMBER, DEPARTMENT FELT
A REVIEW WAS IN ORDER, BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL USE OF EQUIP-
MENT IN COVERT ROK MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND IN
ORDER TO GIVE NEW ADMINISTRATION OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE
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CASE. DECISION TO RENEW LICENSE INFLUENCED BY APPARENT
ROK DECISION TO SUSPEND MISSILE PROJECT, READY AVAIL-
ABILITY OF COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT ELSEWHERE, AND DESIRE TO
AVOID FURTHER IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ROKG DURING
SENSITIVE PERIOD. OUR POLICY OF FIRM OPPOSITION TO ANY
ROK DEVELOPMENT EFFORT ON MISSILES, HOWEVER, REMAINS.

3. ACCORDING TO COMPANY, KOREANS AWARE THAT ORIGINAL LICENSE EXPIRED. WE WISH TO ENSURE THEY DO NOT MISINTERPRET LICENSE RENEWAL AS INDICATING A SOFTENING OF OUR POSITION AGAINST AN ROK SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM ROKG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT BROWN ENGINEERING COMPANY LICENSE IN THIS CASE EXPIRED LAST DECEMBER, AND THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN RENEWED AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW. END-USE RESTRICTIONS LIMITING USE OF EQUIPMENT TO INVENTORY AND ACCEPTANCE TESTING OF MISSILES ALREADY IN ROK INVENTORY CONTINUE TO APPLY. ROKG SHOULD INTERPRET THIS CASE AS AN EXCEPTION, NOT A PRECEDENT. WE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY ANY LONGER RANGE MISSILE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WHICH COULD BE VERY DESTABILIZING ON THE PENINSULA. WE INTEND, MOREOVER, TO DISCUSS WITH ROKG IN THE FUTURE OUR POLICY CRITERIA FOR THE BROADER AREA OF ADVANCED WEAPONS AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY.
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